

THE GRIM REAPER.

Short Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

REV. A. G. B. POWERS.

After an illness of several weeks, Rev. A. G. B. Powers died at his home at Needmore, Sunday night, December 26, aged 70 years. The funeral took place Wednesday morning, and interment was made in the cemetery at Pleasant Grove Christian church.

Mr. Powers was a native of West Virginia, and came to this county several years ago, locating at Needmore, and being pastor of several of the adjacent Christian congregations. He was liberal in his views believing in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of Man. At his own request, the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. May, of the Christian church, assisted by Rev. Funk, of the Primitive Baptist Church, and the song service was conducted by Rev. Croft of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. W. R. Truax, Rev. J. C. Garland, and Rev. John Mellott, of the Brethren Church, and Rev. Ed Mellott, Rev. A. H. Garland, and Rev. Lewis Duvall, of the Christian Church, were pall bearers.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three sons, William, of Thompson township, Jacob, of Greensprings, W. Va., and Charles, of Smithton, W. Va.—Charles and Jacob being ministers of the gospel, the former, a Methodist and the latter a Christian.

MRS. JAMES WOODALL.

Eliza Ann Butts, wife of James Woodall, Sr., of Ayr township, died at their home at 10 o'clock, Tuesday morning, December 27, 1915, aged 71 years, 1 month, and 3 days. Her pastor, Rev. R. E. Peterman, of the Lutheran church, conducted the services, and interment was made in the Union cemetery.

Mrs. Woodall was born in Morgan county, W. Va., and more than a half century ago, came to the Cove and lived in the home of the late Abram Leshler, where she met James Woodall to whom she was married on the 24th day of September, 1865.

To this union were born nine children, seven of whom are living, namely, Annie, wife of D. A. Washbaugh; William H., James Jr., Miss Jennie, Lula, wife of Hoyt Glenn, and David—all residing in Ayr township, excepting James, who lives near Fort Loudon, Franklin county. The deceased is also survived by two brothers: Hamilton Butts, Brunswick, Md., and Harrison Butts, Cherry Run, W. Va.

Mrs. Woodall was a consistent member of the Lutheran church from girlhood, a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a good neighbor.

While Mrs. Woodall has been in declining health for more than a year, the immediate cause of her death was pneumonia.

MISS CLARA JENNIE POLLOCK.

Miss Clara Jennie Pollock, aged 26 years, sister of Mrs. Morrow Kendall, of Ayr township, and daughter of William B. Pollock, near Morganza, Pa., and a member of the senior class at Miami university, Oxford, O., died at the hospital at Canonsburg, Pa., last Saturday morning following a short illness of paralysis of the nerve centers of the respiratory organs. The funeral was held Monday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Mr. Greer, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of Canonsburg.

Not having been well for several days, Miss Pollock was allowed to go to her home on Monday last week; but after her return home, her condition grew worse until the attending physicians decided Thursday that she must go to the hospital for treatment. She was able to walk to the house to the waiting automobile and was still able to

Engagements.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Laidig, Hustontown, announce the engagement of their daughter Miss Luemma to Mr. Michael Holland, of Philadelphia.

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel M. Hunley, of New York City, of the engagement of their daughter Miss Ethel Virginia Hunley to Paul Imbrie Johnston, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Johnston, of McConnellsburg, Pa. Miss Hunley's parents, who come from a family prominent in Virginia, have long been residents in New York. Miss Hunley was graduated from Harvard in the class of 1915. No date has been set for the wedding.

Back in Fulton.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Van Cleve and their three children, Spirit Lake, Iowa, arrived at the home of Mrs. Van Cleve's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Humbert in Ayr township on Wednesday of last week. As has been noted in the News, Mr. Van Cleve purchased the Henry farm near Knobsville, and will move upon it in the near future. Before starting for Pennsylvania, the Van Cleves visited a couple of days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald Tittle of Spirit Lake. The Van Cleves and the Tittles are former Fulton county people—Mrs. Tittle being Miss Bess Simpson before marriage.

Big Hogs.

Hoyt Glenn butchered three hogs last week for Hiram Shives that dressed, respectively, 284, 365, and 406; Dick Cuff, had one that cleaned 424; Rush Hann, one that cleaned 308, and George Keefer, one that cleaned 565. John L. Fagley butchered one that weighed 444.

B. R. Simpson and son Samuel L. Simpson of Dickeys Mountain, recently butchered five pigs that cleaned 1516 pounds.

be around Thursday night. She was taken suddenly worse Friday night and became unconscious. Death came while she was sleeping.

Miss Pollock was born February 19, 1889. She was graduated from the Canonsburg High school with first honors in 1907. She was a member of the Washington seminary class of 1909. Following her graduation from the latter institution, she went to St. Paul, Texas, and was principal of the high school at that place during the years 1912-14. She then entered Miami university, from which institution she would have been graduated in June.

She was a member of Green-side United Presbyterian church at Canonsburg.

She leaves her father, William B. Pollock; one sister, Mrs. Cleonia Estella Kendall, wife of M. M. Kendall; one brother S. Murray Pollock, civil engineer, Washington. Her mother Hettie Murray Pollock, died some years ago.

Mrs. J. H. H. Lewis.

Elizabeth Weaver, widow of John H. H. Lewis, died at her home in Bethel township, this county, Monday, December 13, 1915, aged 74 years, 3 months, and 24 days. The funeral conducted by Rev. T. P. Garland, of Needmore, took place on the following Thursday, and interment was made in the cemetery at the Tonoloway Baptist church.

On account of the fact that her late husband was active in political affairs for many years, the Lewis home was known all over the county for its open hospitality and Mrs. Lewis will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. She is survived by the following children, namely, Mrs. Alice V. Doyle, Stockton, Cal.; James in Colorado; Harry, in Chicago; Jessie, wife of Riley Garland, Hazleton; Myrtle, wife of Charles Hess, of Bethel township; Charles, residing in Bedford County, and Frank, on the old home place, near Franklin Mills.

Court.

In the contest over the will of John McCullough, late of Bethel township, deceased, Judge Swope on Monday filed his opinion in the office of the Clerk of the Courts sustaining the will made by Mr. McCullough.

As has been stated in the NEWS, John McCullough, when a mere lad was taken into the home of the Gales, a family of unmarried brothers and sisters residing near Warfordsburg. In that home was also, a maiden by the name of Bettie Andrews. As the years rolled by, one by one of the Gale people passed from earth until the last one was gone when it was found that the farm which was a valuable one, and the personal property of the Gales had been willed to John McCullough, with the condition that John should maintain a home for Bettie during her lifetime. Both John and Bettie remained in the home growing old together, when John was seized with a sickness, and before his death, which occurred on the 11th of March 1914, he by will passed the property on to Nettie Andrews, a niece of Bettie, with the condition that Nettie should see that Bettie had a good home during the remainder of Bettie's life.

John's brothers and sisters were not satisfied with this disposition of the property, and set about to break the will. Upon petition, Judge Swope appointed the late J. Nelson Sipes a Committee to take testimony as to the facts in the case, and last May, in McConnellsburg, more than eighty witnesses were heard, consuming a period of almost a week. This testimony was taken by a stenographer, then typewritten, and handed to Judge Swope. This he examined carefully at his office in Gettysburg, and rendered an opinion as before stated.

This will be final, unless John's brothers and sisters feel that it is worth while to appeal from Judge Swope's opinion.

Token of Appreciation.

At the close of the preaching services in the M. E. church last Sunday morning, the superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. A. U. Nace, in an appropriate little address presented to the organist Mrs. C. B. Stevens, in behalf of the congregation, a purse of gold as a token of appreciation of her faithful service as organist in the church and the Sunday school. For twenty-three years Mrs. Stevens has been at her post of duty at every service, "unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable occurrence." We did not see the purse, but have been reliably informed that it contained more than twelve dollars and forty-nine cents.

Taken to the Hospital.

Owing to the fact that her limb was not healing satisfactorily, Cula, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Simon Ritchey, near Burnt Cabins, was taken to the Chambersburg hospital last Sunday, accompanied by Dr. Mosser. It will be remembered that one of her legs was amputated below the knee a few days ago, as a result of the accidental discharge of a gun in her father's hands. The Valley Spirit (Chambersburg) Tuesday evening, says that further amputation is not likely to be necessary.

Shells for the Allies.

Mr. N. E. Hoover, who has a responsible position with the Westinghouse Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover at Hustontown and was in town a few hours Tuesday. Mr. Hoover is inspector of 8-inch shells which are being made by his Company for the Allies. They are turning out thousands of these deadly missiles every day, and it is predicted that they will be able to ship fifteen carloads a day after the first of the year.

Business Men vs. Farmers.

An editorial written by J. Ream, Master of the State of Nebraska, for the Pennsylvania patrons, recognizes, and appreciates, what the Government has done to encourage and educate the farmer to produce more bushels of grain, more pounds of meat and butter, and more dozens of eggs, but he thinks the Government should not stop until it sees to it that the farmer gets value received for his products. The business men of the Country have shown wonderful interest in the welfare of the farmer, but after the farmer has his crop ready for the market, the business man says: "Now, let me do the rest," and he takes the farmer's produce, sells it for him, collects the money, and hands it over to the farmer. No, not all of it, and here is where the shoe pinches. The difference between what the farmer receives for his products and that which the consumer pays, is entirely to great. As Mr. Ream says:

"Why should you be so interested in prying into the farmers' business, and in gaining an intricate knowledge of his methods, both his failures and successes, when you have so securely locked up your own business with combinations and associations, national, state and local, that the farmer could not pry into your secret prices and methods of doing business, even if he used a steel crow bar in his attempt to do so?"

"Conditions indicate that the only three points of the great problem of distribution that you have given careful thought is: 1. What is the greatest possible profit you can secure? 2. What is the greatest possible amount of money that can be invested? 3. What is the greatest possible number of people that can eke out an existence both in a direct and indirect connection with the business?"

"You have readily recognized the wasteful methods and the unbusiness like management of the farmers; but I am wondering if you have realized that there are untold millions of dollars uselessly invested in what you term business upon which the people are expected to pay a reasonable rate of interest. And that there are untold thousands of people uselessly employed in your business of distribution who are in reality a veritable tax on the producers and consumers.

"Today there are thousands of bushels of good apples going to waste within 125 miles of us. These people are willing to sell these apples on the trees for twenty-five cents per bushel, yet you are charging our people \$1.00 per bushel for a common grade of these same variety of apples. And under your association secret system of doing business it is impossible for the farmer to know how much of a rake off you get between the price the manufacturer receives and the consumer pays for the article. According to the most reliable statistics that we have been able to gather it costs from \$1.00 to \$2.00 to market every dollars worth of produce that the farmer sells. Or that the consumer pays from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for that which the farmer receives only \$1.00. Is it any wonder under such conditions as these that we should be asking you if you realize the responsibilities that rest upon you, whether you have ever given the question of the economic distribution of the necessities of life, any serious thought? Is it any wonder that under such conditions that the producers and consumers should be asking for a national marketing commission, and the establishment of a department of government whose duty it will be to work out an economic system of preserving and distributing the necessities of life? Is it any wonder that under such conditions, the farm-

Recent Weddings.

WILSON—GELVIN.

Preston Irwin Wilson and Miss Reuel Edna Gelvin were married Wednesday, December 22, 1915, at the M. E. parsonage, McConnellsburg, by Rev. A. S. Luring. The groom is a son of Irwin Wilson, the bride a daughter of E. M. Gelvin both of Fort Littleton.

The contracting parties are most excellent young people and the NEWS joins with their numerous friends in extending congratulations and wishing them a long happy, and prosperous life.

STAINS—STAINS.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Oliver Stains, Richmond Furnace at 12 o'clock, Dec. 23 by the Rev. Stonesifer, Miss Manerva Stain and Mr. Morris Stains of Dudley, Huntingdon Co., Pa. The wedding march was played by Miss Genevieve Cox, Miss Margaret Sensesheimer was maid of honor, Mr. Henry Stains a brother of the bride was best man, Miss Phoebe Keyser, Miss Missouri Keyser, Miss Ella Butts and Miss Bessie Morris were the bridesmaids. The bride carried white carnations and the maid of honor carried pink carnations. There were thirty-seven guests at the wedding dinner.

TROSTLE—MARKLEY.

An announcement that brought a surprise to many Conemaugh and Warfordsburg people, was made a few days ago, to the effect that J. F. Trostle, a teacher in the Conemaugh schools, and Miss E. McClure Markley, a Warfordsburg teacher, were married in Philadelphia on the 25th of last June, while both were on their summer vacation.

Following their marriage, the couple spent two weeks in New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Trostle's parents live at York Springs, Adams county, and his wife is the oldest daughter of Hon. H. K. Markley of Warfordsburg.

Both these young people are graduates of Cumberland Valley State Normal School and their acquaintance began during their student days.

Mr. and Mrs. Trostle will go to housekeeping in the spring.

From "Bob" Campbell.

Rogersville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Dear Mr. Peck: Enclosed please find check for three dollars for which credit sister Mary E. Campbell's account with the NEWS—and continue same to her address. We all enjoy your paper very much. It comes like a friend from our dear old native land. We were sorry to learn through the NEWS of the illness of Mrs. S. B. Woollet, but hope, ere this, she has fully recovered. Your old friend Geo. A. Smith is fairly well; but like the rest of us, not as active as he used to be. As far as he is concerned, the coons on Scrub Ridge are safe. With best wishes.

R. V. CAMPBELL.

Favor County Agent.

At the annual meeting of representatives of the various agricultural societies of the County held at McNaughton's school house last Friday afternoon, Frank Ranck, was re-elected to serve as Fulton County's representative on the State Board of Agriculture. At the meeting the advisability of making an effort to secure a County Agent was discussed, and Mr. Ranck instructed to use his influence with the State Board to secure the services of a good man to fill that position.

ers should be organizing their Granges, their unions, their Society of Equity, and that the consumers in the cities should be organizing their Co-operative Consumers' Association in order to avoid some of this fearful tax that you are levying upon the producer and the consumer by your unscientific, ancient, costly, unbusinesslike and inefficient system of distribution?"

OLD AGE.

Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

"The gray-beard sighs, shaking his hoary head, Compares times that are now, with times past heretofore, Praises the fortunes of his father long since dead; And cracks of ancient men whose honesty was more."

Thus did a Roman poet describe the characteristics of old age nineteen hundred odd years ago. Those who wish to remain young would do well to con these lines and guard against such an attitude of mind. The fountain of perennial youth is in the spirit. If you would arm yourself against the stealthily advancing years cultivate the habit of looking continually forward. For the man who keeps his eyes fixed ahead and struggles onward to some worthy goal, the years speed by unnoticed. For him who turns and walks backward looking ever in the past, the future holds no promise and the stimulus of the shoulder to shoulder touch with the on-pressing younger generation is lost.

The future is built upon the ruins of the past. Advancing years should bring ability to concentrate and an experience which will compensate in no small degree for lack of physical power. "At thirty, man suspects himself a fool, knows it at forty, and reforms his plan; at fifty chides his infamous delay, pushes his prudent purpose to resolve"—and if he be wise makes use of such experiences as he may have piled up along the road of life and pushes his purpose home. Moderation of habit and attention to the rules of hygiene will help materially to make the years sit lightly, but this alone is of little value if we are without ambition and live from day to day.

When the idols of youth are broken we must set up new and better ones. Ambition we must have and work as well if we would laugh at Father Time.

Not As Good As It Looks.

In Farm and Fireside is the story of a farmer who sold his property to live in the city, because his city friends "wore good clothes, had money jingling in their pockets, went to the movies, belonged to clubs, and enjoyed a yearly vacation." He found, however, that the city man pays dearly for these luxuries.

"We came to know," he said, "that it was just as hard for the city man to get up at seven o'clock in the morning as it was for the country man to get up at five. Why so? Because he must not relax; he is ever on duty. He must smile at this person and that person. He dares not notice anyone's peculiarities, or oddities, or unreasonableness. The result is he must find the relaxation in the evening; therefore the family rarely gets to bed before ten or eleven o'clock, and seven in the morning finds him just as sleepy and far less refreshed than five found him on the farm.

"We found going to work for somebody else every day in the year, except Sunday and perhaps a two-weeks vacation, under somebody else as manager, didn't exactly suit our country spirit of freedom. We came to know that our friends saved scarcely a cent; and furthermore, one couldn't exactly see how they were extravagant. In the city it seems unbelievably hard to separate luxuries from necessities."

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Heiges, and their interesting little daughters, Dorothy and Meravine, of York, Pa., motored to McConnellsburg last Friday afternoon and spent the time until Monday morning in the home of Mrs. Mary Clevenger, West Lincoln way.